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# Further CIA Intrigue Reported

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Robert Scheer, managing editor of Ramparts magazine, charged Friday that the Central Intelligence Agency has participated in the Florida state elections and labor union elections.

Scheer spoke to approximately 400 students at California State College at Los Angeles and promised them his magazine has barely scratched the surface of CIA involvement in American life.

The Ramparts issue detailing charges of CIA underwriting the National Student Association (NSA) won't go on sale until next week, but the bearded managing editor declared that the subsequent issue will go into CIA involvement in large philanthropic foundations.

"I feel the CIA involvement with the student movement is what is most frightening," he declared.

Scheer did not detail CIA involvement either in Florida or in Iowa at this time. He recalled, however, that his magazine had "exposed" a CIA school for spies at Michigan State University.

He said, however, that he was surprised at the great furor created over the story written for Ramparts by former Pomona College student Michael Wood. Scheer said that Ramparts has run

other stories, such as one on Vietnamese war casualties, that he considers more important but which received less notice.

"The CIA is a very convenient whipping-boy," he said. "What should have been criticized is basic policy."

As far as basic American governmental policies go, he said, the CIA has filled its role well.

"The cold war has had an effect far more than Americans realize," the speaker said. "Unfortunately, the whole economy is based on the Cold War. Sixty per

cent of the jobs in California depend on the Cold War."

Allowing itself to be used by the CIA was probably the only way the NSA could have gotten funds, he declared.

As a member of the New York area council of the National Student Association, in 1956 and 1957, he denied charges that he was trying "to get" NSA.

"I spent four years of my life trying to build up NSA," Scheer declared. "I resent that we were used. At least if it had been done publicly, the students could have made their own decision."

"The charge against CIA

is not new," he continued.

"What is new is the proof we have been able to bring to light."

He added that Michael Wood "sat on" the story about CIA involvement in NSA for some time because he "didn't want to hurt" friends and sincerely dedicated people in NSA. Scheer said that he personally offered NSA leaders space in the magazine to tell their side of the story.

When they asked him to call it off, he said, he even offered to help raise funds for NSA himself to compensate for what loss there might be of the government funds.

"Politically, NSA was set up as a cold war organization," he said. "In the context of international politics, it is terribly conservative. Any student organization that did not take a stand against the Vietnam war would have no currency internationally."

"An important and sinister occupation of NSA delegates was a detailed reporting on student activists in other countries," he said. "One report I saw in the Dominican Republic gave a detailed report on students and their involvement."

Another CIA aim, Scheer said, was to single out the potential future leaders of other nations from the students and bring them into scholarships and other aid.